

### Sunday School Lesson for March 20

THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE. John 14:1-3; II Cor. 5:1-10; I John 3:2,3

It seems as if every newspaper editor and public speaker in the land is moralizing about the significance of the recent epidemic of student suicides in the United States. One of the first questions put to me recently by a New York editor whom I visited was this, spoken in a troubled tone, "Do you think the emphasis upon the material side of life which is being taught by our schools has anything to do with these suicides?" I could only answer, in words of Scripture, "without God, without hope in the world."

The present generation of students in many schools and colleges, are being taught that life is purely a physical experience; that it takes its rise from the lowest orders of existence, and that man is only an animal on a somewhat higher plane than the amoeba. "Self-expression" is pictured as humanity's highest objective. If there be any conscious existence after the present, runs the argument, it has not been proved. The noisiest group of modern scientists contend that man dies as the dog dies. As the Bible points out, the logical and inevitable conclusion of such a philosophy is, "Eat, drink and be merry; for tomorrow we die."

**What a Grave Looks Like**  
So the deep, oblong cleft in the earth's surface which we call a grave resembles only a huge minus sign to the modern materialist. It stands for the subtraction of everything. When the breath goes, all goes. The way to wipe out all woes, all responsibilities, all perplexities, is to die. Hence the vogue of suicide.

Not so to the Christian. One great outstanding and radical difference between the Christian view of life and the old ideas which it superseded is the conception of death. Suicide was more common in the pagan world than it is in the paganized sections of our Christendom. Life was by the heathen regarded as a burden to be got rid of when it became too heavy. On the other hand, the Christian looked upon the open grave, not as a dark minus sign, but as a dazzling door to life eternal. He bore this world's adversities serenely, because he was assured of complete compensation in a better world.

In other words, Jesus introduced Heaven as a factor in earth's problems. He demonstrated the reality of resurrection. His teaching was that

life includes two worlds. Heaven is the complement of earth. We die, not to be obliterated, but to live again. The risen Christ conquered death, and the fear of death, and made it represent the great plus, instead of a tragic minus.

**A Slogan For Souls**  
Let us confess that the church today has not met the present crisis, as she should have done, with a jubilant affirmation. Our smitten times need most of all the confident, joyful proclamation of a Saviour who gives hope for the here and for the hereafter. It is a loss of faith in the Christ of the resurrection that has turned so many youths to materialism, sensuality, crime and despair. None to whom Jesus is "a living, bright reality" falls into a suicide's grave.

Some day the rank and file of the church will awaken to the terrible reality that even in our organized Sunday school work the living Christ is in danger of being crowded out by modern psychology and immature liberalism. Dr. Shailer Matthews, himself no conservative warrior, the official leader of the Sunday school movement, at their recent convention in Chicago, that they are "concealing God behind a smoke-screen of psychology. Technique of education is obscuring the purpose of education. It is the warm, glowing, sympathetic, friendly Christ, with His message of life, that our befuddled generation supremely needs.

A slogan for souls was spoken by the Saviour in the dearly-loved words, "Let not your heart be troubled." He has the cure for care and wrinkles that none of earth's expensive "beauty shoppes" know. Trust in Him gives a glow to the heart, and a radiance to the face, which may nowhere else be found. In His call to faith, and in His offer of comfort, Jesus links up belief in Himself with an expectation of His heavenly home. His friends are assured of a future life, and a larger life in a prepared place.

**When Homes Break Up**  
Any traveler who gets off the route of the railways is struck by the number and size of the cemeteries. How vastly more numerous than the living are the dead! In all lands, one sees these signs that all roads lead to the grave. Every home that has ever been has been disrupted by death. This is humanity's oldest grief. It was such

a compelling separation that caused a pall of sadness to hang over the company of intimate friends with whom the Master was talking. This group, His real family, were heart-broken because He was leaving them.

Then Jesus spoke the great Word of Comfort. "Is My Father's house are many abiding places"—not mansions, palaces of pride, as the old version connotes, but, as the word may freely be translated, "homes that never break up." For a time, the circle would be broken; the group of dear ones would be divided by death; but soon, in the Father's house, there would be reunion that would never end; and that would never be impaired by earth's weaknesses and blindnesses and blunders, and tears. This was one of the unforgotten blessings that the risen Christ had in store for His friends. George Klinge has beautifully amplified the thought in his poem, "He Will Give Them Back."

"We are quite sure  
That He will give them back—bright,  
beautiful, and pure.  
We know He will but keep  
Our own and His until we fall asleep.  
We know He does not mean  
To break the strands reaching between  
The Here and There.  
He does not mean—though Heaven  
be fair—  
To change the spirits entering there,  
that they forget,  
The eyes upraised and wet,  
The lips too still for prayer,  
The mute despair.

"He will not take  
The spirits which He gave, and make  
The glorified so new  
That they are lost to me and you.  
I do believe,  
They will receive  
Us—your and me—and be so glad  
To meet us that when most I would  
grow sad  
I just begin to think about their glad-  
ness,  
And the day  
When they shall tell us all about the  
way  
That they have learned to go—  
Heaven's pathways show.

"My lost, my own, and I  
Shall have so much to see together  
by and by,  
I do believe that just the same sweet  
face,  
But glorified, is waiting in the place  
Where we shall meet, if only I  
Am counted worthy in that by and by.

"I do believe that God will give a sweet surprise  
To tear-stained, saddened eyes,  
And that His Heaven will be  
Most glad, most glad through with  
joy for you and me,  
As we have suffered most.

"God never made  
Spirit for spirit, answering shade for  
shade,  
And placed them side by side—  
So wrought in one, though separate,  
mystified.

And meant to break  
The quivering threads between.  
When we shall wake,  
Am quite sure, we shall be very glad  
That for a little while we were so sad."

**An Ambition-Building Hymn**  
Over countless biens has been read Paul's great passage upon immortality, written to the Corinthian Christians, which is the second portion of this lesson. Into the midst of it the great apostle thrust the word "ambition," one of three occasions upon which he uses it: "Wherefore, we are ambitious that, whether at home or abroad, we may be well-pleasing unto Him."

That is to say, the hope of heaven works out practically into character. Those who look forward to an endless life with Christ and their own dear one do not despair. There are no "suicide pacts" amongst believers. They have an adequate motive for life, which lifts them above the power of the day's vicissitudes. To please Christ, wherever they be whatever their lot—that is their great ambition. Consciously, and with effort, as athletes striving for the goal of immortality, they are ambitious to please their Lord.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every one that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure."

#### MRS. LOUISA TOMPKINS

In loving remembrance of my dear grandmother, Mrs. Louisa Tompkins, March 15, 1926, That day, the death angel came and took a way our loving mother and grandmother.

Oh, what a solemn hour  
A time that we shall not forget,  
Till Jesus comes in Power  
And takes away our loved ones.  
In the stillness of the day  
The death angel came in beaming ray;

Bore her away on his snowy wings  
To her bright and heavenly home.  
She fell asleep  
And she will wake to weep,  
No more tears to dim her eyes  
For there is no weeping above the skies.

Her children she loved dear,  
They were to her so sweet and near;  
Oh, it's sad, it breaks the heart,  
Such grief it is to have to part.  
But she isn't dead, she is living on,  
Her life with Christ has begun;

It's true the form we loved so dear  
Is still in death as she sleeps  
In old Poplar cemetery  
Awaiting the resurrection day.  
The form we loved sleeps beneath the sod.

But old grandmother is gone to heaven;  
She lives today, bright above  
Over yonder in a land of love.  
Children you have a mother still,  
She lives with God and all is well;  
Some day she will rise again,  
Incorruptible, free from sin,  
Immortal never more to die.

Like unto God, never more to sigh;  
Yes, in His likeness she will rise  
We will meet you yonder above the skies.

She quietly passed away that day  
To her sweet home of rest;  
To call her back we never can,  
But we can meet her in the glory land.

No heartaches or burdens she now has  
to bear,  
Sweet joy and peace with Christ she shares;  
She lives with God and will not grow old.

In heaven's bright and holy land,  
Written by her loving grandchild,  
Thelma Jones.

APPENDICITIS DEATH PRE-  
VENTED BY PROMPT ACTION

By Harry G. Sloan, M. D.  
More than sixteen thousand people die from appendicitis annually. The death rate is not so far short of the number killed in automobile accidents each year. And the greater number of deaths from appendicitis occur in early adult life when the individual has his period of greatest usefulness ahead of him.

The reasons for this largely preventable mortality are three: failure of the individual to appreciate the seriousness of his pain; failure to understand the damage which may be done by taking a cathartic when in abdominal pain; delay in operation.

What will lead one to suspect he ought to call in the doctor?  
Pain in the pit of the stomach first. Next the unfortunate one is nauseated vomits. The pain continues and after several hours shifts to the right side below the navel. There is a degree or two of fever.

As intimated, the family physician should be called in immediately to determine the cause of the pain. If the physician thinks the pain is caused by appendicitis he will refer the patient to a surgeon at once.

"Just why is it dangerous to take a cathartic at this time?" is a question most laymen do not understand. The cathartic starts an increased activity of the intestines. This may cause a "blow-out" through the walls of the appendix where it has been weakened by inflammation. If this happens, the covering of the intestines becomes soiled with intestinal contents and peritonitis results.

It is rare to find a broken appendix when a cathartic has not been taken beforehand. Rarely in an adult does an appendix break within twenty-four hours from the onset of pain, even when a cathartic has been taken. Earlier rupture of the appendix may happen in children.

When the diagnosis of appendicitis has been made, it is dangerous to delay operation. This is because, by the most exact method of investigation, the doctor is unable to predict accurately whether rupture of the wall of the appendix is imminent. During the delay the appendix may break.

Some cases of acute appendicitis recover without operation; many die. The operation for appendicitis, if undertaken before the appendix breaks has a death rate of only a fraction of one per cent. If operation is undertaken after the appendix has ruptured, about one out of ten may be expected to die. When the operation is undertaken the rupture has taken place and spreading peritonitis sets in, the chances for recovery are one out of two.

Since only a few hours in the progress of the disease may make a huge difference in the number of recoveries, it is quite apparent why immediate operation is undertaken after rupture of acute appendicitis has been made.

#### NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election by the qualified electors of Bear Bay school District, No. 8, Horry county, S. C., will be held in said District at Pleasant Grove church on Tuesday, March 22nd, 1927, to determine the question of issuing bonds of the said district for the purpose of erecting a school building and for equipment for public school in said District and to pay indebtedness of said District upon the written request of one-third of the qualified electors and a like proportion of the resident freeholders twenty-one years of age in said District. Ballots will have written or printed thereon the words "For Bonds" and the words "Against Bonds". The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock A. M. and close at 4:00 o'clock P. M. The Managers of the election are the following: W. Claud Cox, T. Bosler Leigh, J. C. Jacobs.

By order of the Board of Trustees of Bear Bay School District No. 8, this 7th day of March, A. D. 1927.

T. W. Dorman, Chairman,  
N. C. Faircloth, Clerk,  
J. D. Duncan,  
Board of Trustees.

NOTICE  
Notice is hereby given that Geo. O. Johnson as Committee of E. Watterman Johnson has filed his final accounting, and has filed his petition asking to be discharged from said trust; therefore this is to notify all who may be concerned that the 25th day of March, 1927, is set for hearing this petition for Final Discharge before the Judge of Probate of Horry County at Conway, S. C.

This Feb. 16th, 1927.  
J. S. VAUGHT,  
Probate Judge of Horry County,  
South Carolina.

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"LAX-POS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially prepared Syrup-Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly and should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It stimulates and regulates. Very pleasant to take. 50c per bottle.

NOOD FOR THE FARMER  
(Spartanburg Journal)  
If anything was needed to stabilize and steady conditions from the agricultural standpoint throughout the county the heavy snowfall has accomplished it, and the farmers can look confidently toward a still preparation and spring planting throughout this last winter month. There is evidence of much small gain having been sown throughout the county—more than for many years—and nothing could be quite so beneficial for it as the snow. The snowfall not only holds its moisture indefinitely, but its process of seeping in pulverizes the earth in and about the tiny grain sprouts, and roots. The more than two years of protracted drought has at last received its thorough measure of moisture by the snow. Now it is up to the farmer to prepare his land and his plans for intelligent diversification this spring.

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Treat Potato Seed or Have Bad Stands  
RHIZOCTONIA INFECTION MEANS REDUCED YIELDS, SAYS DR. MOORE  
Clemson College, Feb. 28.—Certified potato seed are no insurance against rhizoctonia and consequent heavy loss through bad stands, warns Dr. W. D. Moore, Extension Plant Pathologist, whose recent inspections of seed potatoes from various sources have revealed general and heavy infection of seed stock with this disease.

Certification rules, Dr. Moore explains, do not bar rhizoctonia, which being on the surface of the seed potato, easily infects the young sprouts killing out the stand.

But the remedy is simple and inexpensive. A little time and money invested in seed treatment yields big dividends in better stands and bigger yields. Dissolve four (4) ounces of corrosive sublimate (mercuric chloride) in a gallon of warm water and add this to 29 gallons of cold water, using wooden barrels or other containers because corrosive sublimate corrodes metal badly.

Treat the potatoes in this solution for one to one and a half hours, and plant at once, or dry and store until desired for planting. Treatment may be made loosely in barrels, in crates, or in bags, the bags being less desirable because they absorb the chemical.

For considerable quantities treat one lot of seed in the 30 gallons of solution, then add one-half ounce of corrosive sublimate and make up the volume of water to its original level. Repeat this three times, then treat two extra lots of seed without adding any corrosive sublimate. Then discard the solution and make up a fresh lot because the solution becomes too dirty after four or five treatments to give good results.

Since corrosive sublimate is a deadly poison, it should be kept away from children and animals.

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